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**A NEW SUBSTITUTE NAME FOR *SCHIZOPERA SPINULOSA*
MIRABDULLAYEV ET GINATULLINA, 2007 (COPEPODA:
HARPACTICOIDA)**

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Summary. *Schizopera uzbekistanensis* Deshmukh et Mungole, **nom. n.** is proposed to replace *Schizopera spinulosa* Mirabdullayev et Ginatullina, 2007 preoccupied by *Schizopera spinulosa* Sars, 1909.

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Резюме. Для *Schizopera spinulosa* Mirabdullayev et Ginatullina, 2007, являющегося младшим омонимом *Schizopera spinulosa* Sars, 1909, предлагается новое название *Schizopera uzbekistanensis* Deshmukh et Mungole, **nom. n.**

INTRODUCTION

Genus *Schizopera* Sars, 1905 (Copepoda: Harpacticoida) was established by Sars (1905), with *S. longicauda* Sars, 1905 as the type species. Currently genus *Schizopera* possesses more than 100 valid species and subspecies worldwide (Wells, 2007; Karanovic & Cooper, 2012; Karanovic & McRae, 2013; Walter & Boxshall, 2025). They are distributed in a variety of brackish, marine and freshwater habitats around the world, and have probably invaded freshwater habitats on multiple occasions (Karanovic & Cooper, 2012). A new substitute name is here proposed to avoid homonymy in the genus *Schizopera*.

TAXONOMY

Schizopera uzbekistanensis* Deshmukh et Mungole, **nom. n.*

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Schizopera spinulosa Mirabdullayev et Ginatullina, 2007: 309; preoccupied by *Schizopera spinulosa* Sars 1909: 44.

REMARKS. The species name *Schizopera spinulosa* Mirabdullayev et Ginatullina, 2007 was proposed for the copepods species discovered from Aydarkul Lake, Uzbekistan (Mirabdullayev & Ginatullina, 2007). However, this name was preoccupied by *Schizopera spinulosa* Sars, 1909 from Tanganyika, Mbete (Sars, 1909). The first name is a primary junior homonym of latter one and according to Article 60.3 of the Code (ICZN, 1999) a new replacement name must be proposed. The new name "*uzbekistanensis*" refers to the type locality, the Republic of Uzbekistan.

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